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## #345 MUSEUM MASON MONTEREY PADDLE-ARM CHAIR: UPDATE #1, EXCAVATION

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*This is the first of the informal updates for Paddle-arm #345, which is assigned to the museum. This informal report covers excavation of the upholstery from the frame. We will stay away from technical jargon and hope you all enjoy seeing what is happening with the Monterey pieces entrusted to us. The narrative is not in order, and not all our steps are covered. Best, Kate and Mitchell Powell.*



*The chair has its original finish and upholstery, shown top left and bottom right. The original tag is still in place, shown top right and bottom left. The intact original upholstery is of extreme value to this piece; the intention is to carefully remove the upholstery and buildup, clean and repair frame and upholstery as needed, and reupholster.*

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## EXCAVATION

Excavation began with the careful removal of the decorative nails, which will be reused if possible. Tacks are also carefully removed in the same manner; everything is saved to be delivered back to the museum if it cannot be reused.

Below, a quick snapshot into the undressing of the frame.



The cushion was set aside to be undressed. Decorative nails and tacks were removed, as the piece was methodically undressed. Each piece is inspected for viability for reuse; in this case all buildup can be reused.



Please excuse the color of the photos; our camera was on the fritz!

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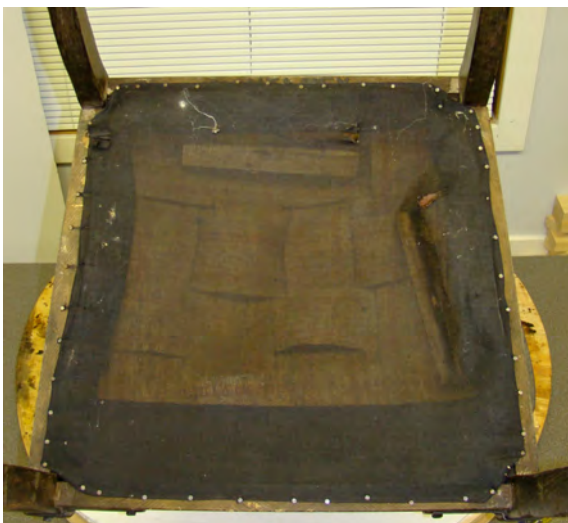




Even tacks render information, top left. The pattern of use was to place a tack then cover it with a decorative nail, top right. Layers of cotton can be cleaned, center left. The show cover backing, center right.



The undercover is excavated, bottom.



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The seat deck was lifted intact, top left and center left, and will be cleaned.

Both seat and back jute webbing was removed; they, too will be cleaned for reuse.

The frame was ready for repair. The frame was in good condition. Joints were tightened as needed, then set to cure.



The chair is ready for finish treatment, and the upholstery show cover and buildup materials are ready for cleaning.

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